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Study Abroad

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## Sustainable Business

 **Duration** As desired, but usually between 2 and 4 weeks

 **Locations** New Zealand and Australia

Faculty-led study abroad programs in Sustainable Business offer your students the opportunity to learn about how New Zealanders and Australians manage the business imperative to make profit, alongside the environmental imperative to care for the planet. The Australasian context is a fertile ground in which to study this relationship, for it is a region that is ocean-dominated and thus vulnerable to rising sea levels, and it has experienced the Earth's potential volatility in the form of earthquakes, flooding and large-scale fires. In the wake of increasing awareness and urgency surrounding global environmental degradation, Australia and New Zealand offer unique opportunities to learn about how industries as diverse as tourism, agriculture, infrastructure development, hospitality and transportation, not only sustain but thrive while developing green innovations. Programs can be situated in just one destination country or can split their time between countries to offer a comparative approach on two different nations' approaches to sustainable business.

 **Antarctica**  **Australia**  **Fiji**  **New Zealand**

## **New Zealand**

### **Toitu Envirocare and Kathmandu**

Sustainability partners Toitu Envirocare, the leading provider of environmental certification in New Zealand, and Kathmandu, a global retailer of outdoor products based in Christchurch, discuss their individual and joint approaches to sustainability.

### **Farm Visits**

Agriculture is one of the major business sectors in New Zealand. We can arrange visits to wool, dairy and beef farms owned by farmers who aim to run a profitable, intensive farming system while still looking after the environment.

### **Sustainable Tourism in New Zealand**

We can provide sessions with leading sustainable tourism operators, including a zip-line company in Queenstown and a kayaking company in Abel Tasman National Park. After lectures presenting the academic side of sustainable tourism, students get to experience ecotourism in action on the ziplines or through a kayak expedition.

### **Whale Watch**

Whale Watch is a Kaikoura-based business owned by the Ngai Tahu Maori tribe. During this session, students learn about Maori business ethics and approaches to sustainability and the environment.

### **Green energy**

New Zealand produces 80% of its energy from renewable resources. Students can learn about sustainable energy generation from leaders working in the field.

## **Australia**

### **Green Building Council**

The Green Building Council of Australia is the nation's authority on sustainable buildings, communities and cities.

### **Sustainable tourism in Australia**

We can provide sessions with leading tourism providers and specialists focused on the preservation of the Great Barrier Reef. Includes snorkelling on the reef.

### **Ecotourism business in remote Australia**

Visit a remote family-run tourism business that has no town amenities and is totally self-sufficient. Students get to stay at the resort, while learning about how Australians operate a successful business far from urban centers. Also includes hiking, platypus spotting, swimming, and learning about solar power and agriculture.

### **CitySwitch Green Office site visit**

CitySwitch Green Office is Australia's flagship sustainability program for office-based businesses. They help offices improve their energy and waste efficiency.

### **Wambiana Cattle Station outback experience**

Wambiana Station is a family-run business in the outback that offers immersive learning on sustainability in agriculture, national resource management and agribusiness.

